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John Allen, Forest Supervisor
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Subject: Comments on the final EIS for the Deadlog Vegetation Management Project
EPA Project Number: 08-024-AFS

Dear Mr. Allen:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Clean Air Act § 309, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Forest Service's (FS) final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed **Deadlog Vegetation Management Project** (CEQ Number 20090375) on Deschutes National Forest in Deschutes County, Oregon.

In our comments on the draft EIS in September 2009, EPA expressed environmental concerns about the project's potential impacts to air quality and recommended that the final EIS include additional air quality information to assure air quality standards would be met by the project.

The final EIS indicates that the FS was responsive to our comments on the draft EIS. We are pleased with additional information and clarifications provided in the final EIS, especially supplementary details on air emissions and measures to reduce their potential adverse impacts. We also appreciate other changes made to the EIS between draft and final using comments received from agencies and the public. Your responses address our concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the final EIS and ROD for this project. If you have questions or comments concerning this review, please contact Theogene Mbabaliye at (206)553-6322 or myself at (503)326-2859.

Sincerely,

/s/

Teresa Kubo, Acting Manager
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